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TO DECLARE THE RESULT.

There Will be a Joint Session of Congress on February 10.

WHEN THE ELECTORAL VOTE OF THE COUNTRY WILL BE COUNTED AND THE RESULT PROCLAIMED TO THE PEOPLE—MR. CHANDLER INTRODUCES A RESOLUTION IN THE SENATE LOOKING TO BIMETALLISM.

Washington, Feb. 2.—Nearly all of today's session was spent by the House in listening to a discussion of the controversy now raging between two electric lighting companies in the District of Columbia, which found its expression with consideration of the bill making appropriations for the District for the year ending June 30, 1898. The bill remains the unfinished business on the calendar.

The House passed the diplomatic and consular appropriation bill, with trifling changes. The consulate at Harzen, Switzerland, salary \$2,000, was abolished and the total appropriation made \$1,617,708.

The usual resolution was agreed to providing for a joint session of Congress on the 10th instant to count the electoral vote and declare the result.

Mr. Grosvenor, proposing that the matter of the election of a President and Vice-President in this republic was always a matter of momentous importance to the people of the United States involving, as it did, the perpetuity of institutions of the country, asked and obtained consent to print in the Record a table he had prepared showing the vote of every State at the late election. He said he had been induced to prepare it largely by reason of the publication of a Senate document which asserted that in that election a sufficient volume of illegal votes had been cast in sixteen States, by the census of 1890, to change the result, which a count of honest votes alone would have shown as a matter of fact. Mr. Grosvenor stated that but four States—West Virginia, Indiana, Illinois and Iowa, had cast more votes in 1893 than the census showed there were males of the voting age in 1890.

SENATE PROCEEDINGS.

An additional movement in the direction of bimetallism was made in the Senate today by Mr. Chandler. It was in the shape of a resolution declaring it to be the sense of the Senate that the United States should not permanently acquiesce in the single gold standard and that the efforts of the government in all its branches should be directed to secure and maintain the use of silver as well as gold as standard money, with the free coinage of both. The resolution went over with notice from Mr. Chandler that he would address the Senate upon it.

The conference report on the emigration bill was taken up and was argued in a long speech by Mr. Gibson, who raised the parliamentary point against it that the conference committee had exceeded its powers and had injected new matter into the bill. An equally long speech was made in defense of the conference committee and the bill by Mr. Lodge.

Much indignation was expressed by Mr. Lodge at interference with legislation on the part of the North German Lloyds and its agent in Chicago to prevent the passage of the bill. If the bills were defeated, he said, it would be taken as the victory of a corporation on a great question of public policy. The report went over without action, Mr. Hill giving notice that he would speak against it tomorrow on the parliamentary point raised by Mr. Gibson.

The remainder of the day's session was taken up by the Nicaragua canal bill. Mr. Vilas, who had the floor to continue his speech against it, declined to state whether he thought the bill could be disposed of in such time as to give any opportunity for other important legislation. He gave notice of a substitute for the bill which would provide for the appointment of an inter-oceanic canal committee to have surveys and investigations made for the determination of most feasible route for the canal.

Notice of another amendment was given by Mr. Teller, also providing for a survey before any canal bonds are guaranteed by the Government of the United States, and that if the cost should be reported as exceeding \$150,000,000 no bonds shall be guaranteed and no responsibility assumed.

Mr. Vilas had not finished his speech when, at 5:05, the Senate adjourned until tomorrow.

It is important that your horse and cow be fed well this cold weather. The place to buy your feed is Farmers' Supply Company. They keep Hay, Shucks, Straw, Oats, Corn, and all kinds of chops.

PINGREE WINS.

Lansing, Mich., Feb. 2.—The supreme court today refused to issue the mandamus applied for by Attorney Fred A. Baker last night, directing the council of Detroit to declare the office of mayor vacant and order a special election to fill the vacancy. The court held that there is plenty of time before the next election to let the case go through the proper channel, the Wayne circuit court. The contention was that Mayor Pingree by his assumption of the office of governor of Michigan had vacated the office of mayor of Detroit.

MAY BE APPOINTED.

Louisville, Ky., Feb. 2.—A Frankfort, Ky., dispatch, which is believed to be based on good authority, says: A. T. Wood, of Mount Sterling, will be appointed United States Senator by Governor Bradley on March 7. The legislature will be called in extra session a few weeks later. There will be no Senatorial election until next January, unless the legislature should conclude to elect Governor Bradley.

A \$1,000,000 FIRE.

Pennsylvania's State House Completely Destroyed.

Harrisburg, Feb. 2.—A fire which started in the rooms of Lieut. Gov. Lyon some time this morning, swept through the ancient capitol of Pennsylvania, and within an hour and a half after the breaking out of the flames the structure was in ruins. The senate and house were about to reconvene for their afternoon session when the fire burst through the walls and the law-makers were driven for their lives to the open air.

As far as known no one was killed. There were several in the building, when the dome fell in and it is possible some may be under the ruins.

The most valuable of the State and legislative records which were in the building were saved, but the records and statistics of the department of public instruction, which included much valuable information bearing upon the public schools of the State, were destroyed.

The legislature will find a temporary home tomorrow in the United States district courthouse and the legislature will at once take steps to have the capitol rebuilt.

The total loss is estimated at nearly a million of dollars, on which there is insurance of but \$200,000. The origin of the fire is unknown.

FIVE MINERS ENTOMBED.

Fire in a Michigan Mine Causes the Loss of Five Lives.

Houghton, Mich., Feb. 2.—The North Tamarack mine is on fire and five miners are cut off from escape. The fire was discovered this morning in a plat at the ninth level of No. 3 shaft, the flames breaking out suddenly. Every effort is being made to keep the fire from reaching the shaft, which is heavily timbered, and several streams of water are playing on the fire from underground mains. The imprisoned men will probably be saved if the flames can be speedily extinguished.

Later, all hope has been abandoned for the men caught in the burning mine. The necessity of forcing air into the burning level in order to supply the entombed men with a chance for life has added to the fury of the flames, and to-night orders were issued to seal up the shaft. The fire was discovered at 7 a. m. in the ninth level of No. 3 shaft, nearly 500 feet deep. The fire is in the most productive ground of the mine and though its duration may be short, it will make a large deficiency in the February production.

SPINAL COLUMN SEVERED.

A Virginia Thief Shot by Wananaker's Private Detective.

Philadelphia, Feb. 2.—A man was detected pilfering in Wananaker's store this evening. He was followed to the street by Wm. M. McCalley, a detective at the store, who ordered the man to surrender himself to arrest. He told McCalley that if he came a foot nearer he would kill him.

McCalley drew his revolver and the man turned and ran. McCalley fired at him and struck him in the back. The man was taken to the hospital, where it was found that the ball had severed his spinal column and his entire body was paralyzed. He gave his name as Wm. Drumgold, of Brunswick county, Va. The man can hardly survive his injuries.

THE SIX COMPANIES DISSOLVE.

San Francisco, Feb. 2.—With the Chinese New Year the Six Companies, the most powerful, richest and most far-reaching Chinese organization in America, goes out of existence. For a year and a half, ever since the four provincial organizations, Yong, Chow, Pop and Choo Hing and others composing the See Yup federation, withdrew their active support and formed the Four Companies, the Six Companies have been practically in liquidation. The organization was the arbitrator of quarrels, both business and personal, between the Chinese throughout the country and the agency through which the police and even the State Department dealt with that people.

FOR AN OLD CRIME.

London, Feb. 2.—Edward Taylor, alias Arthur W. Platt, who is under arrest here for the killing of Jesse Tyree, in Kentucky in 1895, was formerly extradited in the Bow street police court today and will be taken to America at once by the Kentucky officers who came here to secure him.

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THREE KILLED OUTRIGHT.

Brookhaven, Miss., Feb. 2.—A terrible boiler explosion occurred at Brister & Co.'s saw mill at Bogus Chitto, ten miles south of here, this morning. Simpson Scott, John Branning and a negro boy named Nelson Buchanan were killed outright. Tom McGhee, Mac McCafferty, a young man named Smith and a negro girl, sister of Buchanan, were seriously wounded. McCafferty will probably die.

FOUR CUBANS ESCAPED.

Key West, Fla., Feb. 2.—It is rumored in the city that four "Cubans" landed on the beach last night from a small boat. They are said to have escaped from prison in Havana. They had been sentenced to life imprisonment for political crimes.

APPOINTED RECEIVER.

Dennison, Tex., Feb. 2.—S. I. Wheat was today appointed receiver for the Southern Building and Loan Association of Knoxville, Tenn., and his bond placed at \$20,000. It is difficult to estimate the amount of loans the company has in the State. It is likely that it will exceed \$1,000,000.

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A TRIUMPH OF DIPLOMACY.

The Anglo-Venezuelan Treaty Was Signed at Washington.

THE BRITISH AND VENEZUELAN MINISTERS MEET AT SECRETARY OLNEY'S OFFICE AND AFFIX THEIR SIGNATURES TO A DOCUMENT WHICH ENDS A CONTROVERSY OF NEARLY A CENTURY—DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS RESUMED.

Washington, Feb. 2.—The Anglo-Venezuelan treaty was signed by Sir Julian Pauncefote, the British ambassador, and Senor Jose Andrade, the Venezuelan minister, in the office of Secretary Olney at 4:50 this afternoon, signifying the amicable termination of a controversy that has lasted nearly a century, as well as the resumption of diplomatic relations between the two countries which had been suspended for ten years. The ambassador, accompanied by Henry Outram Bax-Ironside, attaché of embassy, reached the department just before 4 o'clock and a few moments later the Venezuelan minister appeared with Mr. Ponte, secretary of legation, and James J. Storow, the counsel of Venezuela before the arbitral tribunal.

Senor Andrade brought with him a magnificent pen with which the important document was signed. It was sent to him by his brother, who, it is universally conceded, would be the next president of the Venezuelan republic and to whom it will be returned. It consists of a gold pen fastened in a holder made from an eagle's quill, bearing midway from its tip a gold heart thickly encrusted with diamonds.

While the two plenipotentiaries were formally exchanging their credentials the copies of the treaty, which were printed, were carefully compared by Mr. Bax-Ironside and Mr. Criddle, chief of the bureau, who had made all the drafts of the document and printed the copies. They were in the British language, Spanish not being used, although the tongue of Venezuela, the only difference being that in the Venezuelan copy that country is mentioned always first, and in the British vice versa.

The British ambassador signed "Julian Pauncefote" to both copies, Senor Andrade following affixed his signature and affixed their respective seals. The formalities having been quickly completed, there was a general exchange of congratulations, which were pressed upon Secretary Olney with cordiality, and before five o'clock the negotiators had returned to their official residences.

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We will sell at public auction this morning at 10 o'clock on Market square, fifty barrels Baldwin and Greening apples.
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MR. ROBERTS AT REST.

Impressive Funeral Ceremony Over "Penny's" Late President.

Philadelphia, Feb. 2.—In the Protestant Episcopal Church of St. Asaph, at Bala, a suburb of Philadelphia, there gathered this evening a large and sorrowing throng to participate in the service for the burial of the dead as conducted over the body of George B. Roberts, the late president of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company. It was the simple but beautiful ritual of the Episcopal Church.

At the residence of deceased prior to the church services those most intimately associated with Mr. Roberts during his lifetime joined with the family and the intimate friends and relatives in the last offices.

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THE CHARGE PROVED.

London, Feb. 2.—The decision for divorce taken by Countess Cowley against her husband, Earl Cowley, the trial of which was ended yesterday, was finally disposed of to-day by the court rendering judgment in favor of the countess. The decision was that desertion and adultery on the part of the Earl had been proved and a decree was therefore granted to the countess.

RIOTOUS STUDENTS.

Rome, Ga., Feb. 2.—The University here was closed to-day on account of the riotous conduct of students. Several of the ringleaders were arrested.

GOES OUT OF BUSINESS.

Spokane, Wash., Feb. 2.—The First National Bank of Oakesdale, Spokane county, has gone into voluntary liquidation. Depositors are asked to come and get their money.

A BANK CLOSED.

Moscow, Idaho, Feb. 2.—The Moscow National Bank was closed yesterday by Bank Examiner Eugene L. Wilson, of Elensburg, acting under orders of Comptroller Eckels.

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2,500 MEN AFFECTED.

The Illinois Steel Company Makes a Big Cut in Wages.

Chicago, Feb. 2.—Twenty-five hundred men, employees of Illinois Steel Company, of South Chicago, accepted a sweeping reduction in wages yesterday. Not a man, from the president down, was exempt from the reduction. Five, ten and fifteen per cent. was taken from each day's pay, but there was nothing more serious than grumbling and dark looks.

The cut did not affect the members of the Amalgamated Association of Iron and Steel Workers. The announcement of the cut was not all bad news, however, for along with it the company expressed its intention of soon taking back the thousand men it made idle a month ago. These men have been suffering the keenest poverty. In fact, many of them with their families have been supported by the charity workers of South Chicago. By them the message from the company was hailed with joy.

THE ARCH-MURDERER.

The Australian Fiend Arrested in San Francisco.

San Francisco, Feb. 2.—The Swanbilda, from New Castle, Australia, arrived this morning. Frank Butler, the Australian murderer, was arrested and brought ashore. Butler, who is also known in various sections of Australia as Harwood, Ashie, Burgess, Clare, Simpson and Weller, is a criminal of the most atrocious order.

He possessed the cunning of Deeming and the facility of execution of H. H. Holmes. As is usual in such cases, Butler is accused of a number of crimes which cannot at present be proved against him, although evidences of his guilt are being unearthed every hour. It is known beyond doubt, however, that at least two men, Arthur Thomas Preston and Capt. Lee Weller, met death at his hands within the past four months.

A CARD.

All persons who have not paid their city taxes for the year 1896 are hereby warned to come forward and settle, as I shall proceed to collect same according to law without further notice.

J. P. COON, Collector.

COURT OF APPEALS.

Richmond, Feb. 2.—The following are proceedings of the supreme court of appeals:

Cheatham vs. Gower; argued by P. V. Coghill and George Mason, and submitted.

Tatum vs. Ballard and Ellett vs. McGhee; argued by W. O. Skelton and H. R. Pollard and continued until tomorrow.

The next cases to be called are Morlock Insurance Company vs. Fosterin Novelty Company, No. 54; Freeman vs. Butler, No. 55.

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Petersburg, Va., Feb. 2.—An east bound freight train on the Norfolk and Western road ran into another freight train at an early hour this morning. The collision occurred about twenty-five miles west of Norfolk. Five cars and a locomotive were wrecked. No one was injured. The track was torn up for some distance and all trains were delayed for several hours. Three of the cars took fire and were burned.

HE WON A VICTORY.

Albany, N. Y., Feb. 2.—Despite the strong opposition against Louis Payne for the position of superintendent of insurance of this State, to which office he was nominated last night by Governor Black, the Senate this afternoon confirmed the nomination by a vote of 27 to 20. For a month a storm of disapproval has swept over the State against Mr. Payne's candidacy for the office and his enemies have charged him with being a corrupt politician and lobbyist, and he has been most bitterly denounced on all sides. His friends, however, made a hard fight for him, which resulted in his victory in the Senate to-day.

DUPONT HAS NO CHANCE.

Washington, Feb. 2.—The chance of Mr. Dupont having his case reopened in the Senate appears to be rather against him. The committee on privileges and elections considered the case this morning and, while it came to no conclusion, the drift of the sentiment was that the matter was res adjudicata, and could not be reopened. A conclusion will be reached at a special meeting to be held Friday.

WATSON'S CASE POSTPONED.

Washington, Feb. 2.—The contested election case of Watson against Black, from the Tenth Georgia district, occupied the attention this morning of the House committee No. 2. There was a general drift of evidence submitted on both sides, but it was postponed until Friday next.

DEATH OF A DUCHESS.

Madrid, Feb. 2.—Marie Louise Ferdinande, Duchess of Montpensier, is dead. She was 65 years of age. The duchess was a sister of Queen Isabella II. of Spain, grandmother of the King of Spain, and was married in 1846 to the Duke of Montpensier, who died in 1890.

MAIL CARRIER FROZEN.

Richmond, Feb. 2.—John H. Driskell, mail carrier between Keysville and Abilene, in Charlotte county, was found in the road this morning near Smithville frozen to death. He left Smithville last night about 8 o'clock.

DECISIONS AT RICHMOND.

Opinions in Cases of Interest to Virginians.

THE UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS CONVENED AT RICHMOND YESTERDAY WITH ALL THE JUDGES PRESENT AND OPINIONS WERE HANDLED DOWN IN A LARGE NUMBER OF IMPORTANT CASES—ATTORNEYS ADMITTED TO PRACTICE.

Richmond, Va., Feb. 2.—The United States circuit court of appeals convened to-day at noon, with Judges Goff, Simonson and Brawley presiding. The following opinions were handed down:

Travellers Insurance Company, plaintiff in error, vs. Mary Seldon, defendant in error; in error to the circuit court of the eastern district of Virginia at Richmond; Judge Brawley. Reversed and remanded.

Robert M. Spedden and Harvey E. Burch, trading as Spedden & Burch, appellants, vs. Geo. Koenig and Nicholas R. Ford, part owners of the steam tug Mary Russell, appellees; appeal from the district court of Maryland at Baltimore; opinion by Judge Brawley. Affirmed.

Geo. P. Hudson, claimant of the barge Gide, appellant, vs. Wm. H. Grafflin, administrator of Geo. W. Grafflin, deceased, and appellee; appeal from the district court of Maryland, at Baltimore; opinion by Judge Goff. Affirmed.

R. F. Thompson, appellant, vs. Charles W. Bumpass and W. M. McCandlish, appellees; appeal from the circuit court of the eastern district of Virginia, at Richmond; opinion by Judge Morris. Affirmed.

W. L. Carper, sheriff, etc., administrator of Edward Newson, deceased, plaintiff in error, vs. F. J. Kimball and Henry Fink, receivers of the Norfolk and Western Railroad Company, defendants in error; in error to the circuit court of the western district of Virginia at Abingdon; opinion by Judge Goff. Affirmed.

Henry C. King, appellant, vs. Alexander McClintock et al., appellees; appeal from the circuit court of West Virginia, at Parkersburg; opinion by Judge Simonson. Affirmed.

Brazillia Bramble et al., owners of the schooner William Farren, appellants, vs. Jas. W. Culmer and Thomas B. Schall, appellees; appeal from the district court of Maryland, at Baltimore; opinion by Judge Bradley. Affirmed.

Steamship Bowden, appellant, vs. steamship Decatur H. Miller and steam tug Venus, appellees; appeal from the district court of Maryland, at Baltimore; opinion by Judge Simonson. Reversed and remanded with direction to divide damages.

Alfred P. Thom, receiver of the Atlantic and Danville Railroad Company, claimant of steamboat City of Chester, appellant, vs. Norfolk and Carolina Railroad Company, appellee; appeal from the district court of the eastern district of Virginia, at Norfolk; opinion by Judge Simonson. Reversed, remanded with instructions to divide the damages.

Henry C. King, appellant, vs. U. B. Baskirk, and M. B. Mullins, appellees; appeal from the circuit court of West Virginia, at Parkersburg; opinion by Judge Simonson. Affirmed.

Wm. M. Ritter, appellant, vs. Alfred J. Ullman and William G. W. Deeger, appellees; appeal from the circuit court of West Virginia, at Charleston; opinion by Judge Simonson. Affirmed.

Carter Machine Company, appellant, vs. B. H. Hanes & Co., appellees; appeal from the circuit court of the western district of North Carolina, at Greensboro; opinion by Judge Simonson. Affirmed.

After recess argument was heard in the case of the Western North Carolina Land Company and Jack Sheehan vs. Marvin Scoffe, defendant in error.

Argument was also heard in case No. 199.

The following attorneys were admitted: Jas. H. Merriam, M. Siler, F. A. Sordley and A. C. Avery, all of North Carolina.

Case No. 183, appealed from the circuit court of West Virginia, was submitted on appellant's brief, and cases 190 and 191 were submitted with No. 183.

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